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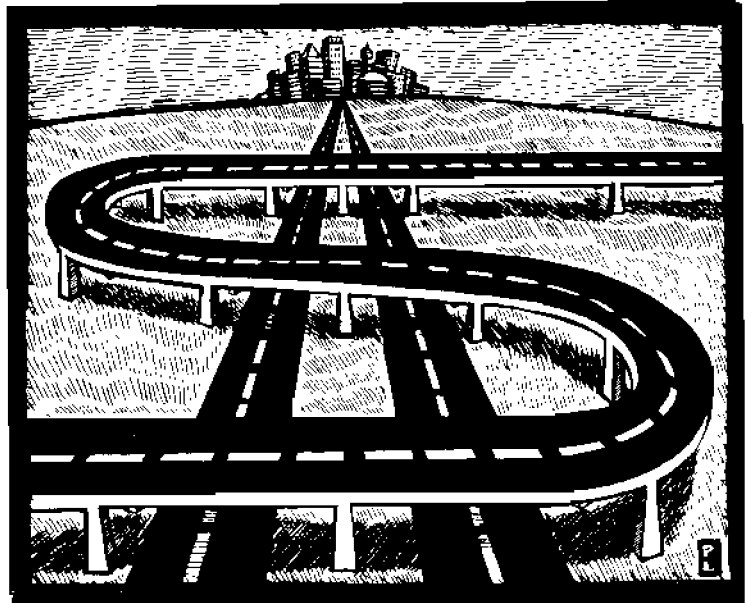
Toll Lanes: Who Really Pays?

The story on the increasing use of toll roads left out a fact about the proposed intercounty connector (ICC). Unlike the proposals to add express toll lanes as part of a multilane highway, the ICC would be a toll road completely.

Maryland's draft environmental impact statement for the ICC assumes that tolls during rush hour would exceed \$6 for round trips from Gaithersburg to Laurel and more than \$4 for round trips at other times. Commuters who drove the ICC end-to-end daily during rush hour would have to fork over more than \$1,500 a year — on top of the taxes they are paying to build it.

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